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MORNING SESSION.

CONCORD CHURCH, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA.,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 1890.

The Nineteenth Session of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened with ~~the~~ Concord Church the 18th of October 1890. Opened at 11 o'clock A. M. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. White, from Gal. 1st chapter and 16th verse reads thus: "To reveal his son in me that I might preach Him among the heathen: immediately I conferred with flesh and blood.

Services closed by Brother M. M. Wood of Birmingham Association and prayer by Dr. D. I. Purser of Birmingham Association. The Association then adjourned to meet again at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the house at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Opened services by reading the nineteenth division of the Psalms and used hymn No. 641 in the Psalmady. Prayer by Elder B. S. Thompson. Then Brethren M. M. Wood and J. M. Huey, of Birmingham Association were chosen to take the vote of the body for Moderator and Clerk and as the roll of the several Churches were called the Delegates came forward with their letters of representation and voted for Moderator and Clerk which resulted in the choice of Brethren A. White, Moderator, and P. A. Wilkey, Clerk. Then the Moderator chose Brethren M. M. Wood and J. M. Huey to read the letters of representation from the several Churches. After the reading of these letters an opportunity was given for newly constituted Churches and received Pilgrim's Mission Church and New Bethel Church. Then the Moderator extended to the Delegates of these two Churches the right hand of fellowship.

On motion the body dispensed with the regular order of business to hear a lecture from Dr. D. I. Purser, of Birmingham Association on the subject of "Education of Ministers." Then Dr. Purser took up a collection to aid in a Dormitory building at Howard College and received $130. The Association then went into regular business.

Then called for correspondence and received from Birmingham Association Brethren A. J. Waldrop, Dr. D. I. Purser, financial secretary of Howard College, M. M. Wood, J. M. Huey, R. Y. Robertson, S. P. Linsey and O. J. Waldrop. Then the Moderator appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTION.

Brethren A. Gilbert, A. P. Waldrop, I. J. Hood.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Brethren A. A. Vines, D. Knight, W. I. Gilbert.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

Brethren J. J. Waldrop, W. P. Salter, T. J. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brethren J. R. Reeves, R. F. Vines, D. R. Davis.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Brethren J. N. McFall, J. H. Mauldin, T. P. Vandever.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Brethren J. A. Markham, S. A. Parsons, V. Norrass.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Brethren A. A. Vines, D. W. Howton, B. Hyche.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Brethren J. K. P. Laird, R. F. Vines, S. A. Parsons.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

Brethren J. M. Gilbert, S. P. Vines, A. J. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

Brethren A. J. Smith, H. T. Vines, W. R. Patton.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ASSOCIATIONAL BOOK.

Brethren W. P. Salter, R. F. Vines, P. A. Wilkey.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Monday morning for the regular order of business at 9 o'clock.

Prayer meeting to-morrow morning beginning at 9 o'clock conducted by Brother S. A. Parsons. Preaching at 11 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Prayer meeting began at 9 o'clock, conducted by Brother S. A. Parsons. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. A. J. Waldrop, (by re

quest, the appointee being absent), from the 126th Psalm and 3rd verse of the same, words thus: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." At the close of services a collection was taken up for the worn out preachers of this Association which amounted to $28.65.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met on Monday morning according to adjournment. Opened by reading the 55th division of the Psalms and using the 456th hymn and prayer by Elder B. S. Thompson, then Brother Wilkey tendered his resignation which was accepted. The body went into the election of a new Clerk which resulted in the choice of A. A. Vines as Clerk for the preceding part of the Association.

The Moderator then called for returning correspondence. To the North River Association none; to Birmingham Association, Brethren J. M. Kent, G. H. Bean, B. S. Thompson; to Tuskaloosa Association Elder B. S. Thompson; to Harmony Association, Elders J. N. McFall and J. M. Kent. Then called for the reading of the constitution, rules of decorum and abstracts of principles which were read by Bro. J. R. Reeves.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on documents, beg leave to report that we have examined the letters from the several Churches and find nothing that claims our attention except a request from Freewill Church, Mud Creek Church, Blue Creek Church and Mount Ida Church for the next session of this body.

A. A. VINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations report as follows: That we find a request from four Churches, Mud Creek Church, Blue Creek Church, Freewill Church and Mount Ida Church asking for the next session of this body and we recommend the next session to be held with Freewill Church 23 miles west of Birmingham near the Kansas City Railroad, Elder G. B. Vines to preach the introductory sermon, J. H. Mauldin, alternate. Brother P. A. Wilkey to preach the Missionary sermon, J. N. McFall, alternate. To meet on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October 1891 at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. J. WALDROP, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance report that we find for minutes $20.80; for Associational purposes $15.35. Total $36.15.

J. R. REEVES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: We recommend the operation of the spirit of Mission in the Association by supporting the ministers of this Association and thereby enabling them to devote more of their time to the destitute places of this Association.

J. N. McFALL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We submit the following that in Ephesians the 6th chapter and 14th verse we are taught to stand therefore having our loins girded with truth and having on the breast plate of righteousness and to bear the same by letting our moderation be known unto all men by saying yea, yea and nay, nay; walking circumspectly before the world and watching unto prayer and keeping ourselves from the abominable things that are mentioned in the Scriptures by Paul to the Galatians 5th chapter, but he says against meekness and temperance there is no law. He also says teach us to be temperate in all things.

J. A. MARKHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that we believe from the best information we can obtain that there has been an increase in the Sabbath School work in this Association and we recommend that the Churches of this Association instruct their pastors to urge the Churches to do their duty in regard to teaching the rising generation the word of God with such Scriptural aid as may be needed to make Sabbath Schools interesting to both saint and sinner, and we also recommend "Kind Words," a Sunday School paper printed at Atlanta, Ga., to our Sunday Schools and Churches.

A. A. VINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education submit the following: We recommend the adoption of last year's report and urge the several Churches of this Association to carefully examine the same.

J. K. P. LAIRD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Members beg leave to report as follows: We find from Antioch Church Sister Barbara Osworth; from Friendship Church Sister Nancy Durrett; from New Providence Church Brother S. F. Parsons; from Prude's Creek Church Brethren Lucandy Lafoy and J. J. Guinn; from Blue Creek Church Sister Rachael Holcome; from Rock Creek Church Brother J. H. Waldrop, and from Concord Church Brother William Hamaker.

J. M. GILBERT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

We, your committee on indigent members report the following: We find nothing that claims the attention of this Association at this time.

A. J. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL BOOK.

We, your committee on examination of the Associational Book report as follows: We have carefully examined the same and find it correctly kept and minutes properly recorded.

W. P. SALTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I, your Treasurer, received of the Finance Committee $26.85. and paid the same over to the Clerk, as ordered, and received at your body also $53.15, paying the same to Brother J. A. Markham as ordered, and $1.15 to Brother B. S. Thompson.

J. J. VANCE, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the first article in the Constitution be changed (and now reads thus): This Association shall be known as the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Resolved, That it shall be the first item of business to read the letters and enroll the delegates sent by the several Churches.

Resolved, That this Association give from its Treasury to the Moderator and Clerk $5.00 each.

Resolved, That the collection which was taken up on Sunday which amounted to $28.65, be divided between Brethren B. S. Thompson, J. M. Kent, J. A. Markham, G. H. Bean and A. White.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 600 minutes printed with Constition, Rules of Decorum and Abstracts of Principles, or as many as there are means to have printed and also the corresponding letter in our minutes.

Resolved, That Brother L. A. Martin have the remainder of the Associational money which amounts to $5.35.

There was a collection taken up for widows as follows: Bro. Huel Knight's widow of Dolomite Church received $11.50; Bro. Bess Thompson's widow of Pleasant Grove Church received $9.30; Bro. Marion Knight's widow of Oak Grove Church received $6.90; Sister Huse, of Prude's Church received $5.55; Sister Alexander and Sister Beck, of Liberty Church received $3.20 each. The collection for all these widows amounted to $38.20.

Resolved, That this Association tender their thanks to Concord Church and community for its hospitable manner of interesting us while in session.

Resolved, That the Clerk call the roll and mark absentees.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted as correct

minutes of this session.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet with Freewill Church on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October at 11 o'clock A. M. Hymn 982 was sung. Prayer by Elder B. S. Thompson. Then took the parting hand.

The Association then adjourned in order.

ELDER A. WHITE, Moderator.

A. A. VINES, Clerk.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To all Sister Associations with whom we may Correspond—DEAR BRETHREN: We have closed our Nineteenth Annual Session, in which we are thankful to the great God of the universe for the union which prevailed during the session, and we continue our correspondence with you by this and our appointed delegates.

Dear Brethren, we ask an interest in your prayers, and may the Great Head of the Church preside over your and our Associations and lead us all in the way of truth and holiness, is our prayer.

Our next session will be held with Free Will Church, twenty-three miles west of Birmingham, near K. C. road, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1891.

A. A. VINES, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches which may connect themselves with this body.

ART. 3. Any church may be admitted into this body by general consent of the members present at any regular session.

ART. 4. Any church may withdraw from this body at her own discretion, on proper application of dismission.

ART. 5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their internal rights, but merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal affairs

ART. 6. The churches in the union shall transmit each annual session of the Association with a written communication specifying the names of their messengers and the state of their church since last session.

ART. 7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reason at the next session.

ART. 8. Newly constituted churches shall be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters If upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 9. The Association when convening shall be governed by a regular and proper rule of decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend according to her own views.

ART. 10. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be chosen by, and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that all the rules of decorum be strictly observed, and take the voice of

the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be chosen in the same manner, whose duty it shall be to make proper and correct minutes of this Association.

ART. 11. The Assaciation shall have power to drop from her union any church which may violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 12. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes according to the funds sent up for said purpose by the churches.

ART. 13. Queries that immediately concern the union of the churches, or introduced by a proper motion of the body, may be taken up and decided by this body.

ART. 14. The Association shall have a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys from the hands of the Finance Committee and pay it out at the order of the Association.

ART. 15. There shall be an Association book provided, in which the minutes of every annual session shall be recorded.

ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all the business on hand, unless it be in extraordinary cases.

ART. 17. Minutes of Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, if necessary, before the session rises.

ART. 18. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any session when two-thirds of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time; also, it shall be his duty to see that the rules of decorum are attended, and to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day that the decision is made, but at no other time.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the transactions of the Association.

ART. 5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

ART. 6. The Moderator when addressed for leave of speech shall signify the same by naming them or otherwise.

ART. 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under consideration, or use words of personal reflection, or with a view of calling to order for some particular purpose, and any motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

ART. 8. Every case taken up by the Association after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall put the question, and if necessary, the sense of the body may be taken by rising to their feet.

ART. 9. When anything is taken up by the Association it shall first be decided upon before another is proposed.

ART. 10. No person shall depart from the services of the Association without leave of the same.

ART. 11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address to each other.

ART. 12. The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.

ART. 13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in any time of public speech, or other practices that would dishonor the Association.

ART. 14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as others, provided he appoint some member to take his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall give the casting vote.

ART. 15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without first obtaining leave of the Association, unless to explain.

ART. 16. Any person breaking the rules of decorum shall be reproved, at the discretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach is made.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three in one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only true rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and holliness.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe the Saints will persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only proper subjects, and do conscientiously believe that the true mode of baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection and general judgment.

10. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as have been called of God, and regularly baptized and approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hand by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Dismiss'd by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Died	Total Members	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Rec'd by Letter
Antioch	W. M. Hannah	Hayes	B. Hyche, ‡H. Owsoth, H. P. Hudson	0	2	0	0	1	46	1 00	60	2
Black Warrior	W. M. Patton	Hayes	‡R. D. Narramore, A. Gilbert, T. Naramore	0	0	0	0	0	24	50	1 00	0
Blue Creek	J. M. Kent	Johns'	J. M. Kent, ‡J. M. Tucker, ‡J. H. Lawson	2	1	1	0	1	47	1 50	1 00	2
Big Creek			Not Represented									
Friendship	J. F. Price	Milldale	W. M. Hannah, ‡J. D. Hannah, ‡T. J. Hogge	2	4	1	1	1	41	1 00	50	1
Free Will	A. White	Quinton	J. H. Mauldin, O. P. Quinn, B. Quinn	6	2	1	2	0	24	1 00	1 00	2
Hope Well	A. White	Vines	A. White, D. R. Davis, J. R. Sandford	1	1	0	0	0	49	1 00	1 00	1
New Providence	J. M. Kent	Hayes	B. S. Thompson, W. R. Patton, ‡S. M. Hosmer	8	2	2	2	1	39	1 00	50	3
Oak Grove	A. White	Ezra	J. N. McFall, G. H. Bean, W. H. Right	4	3	4	3	0	78	2 00	60	0
Pleasant Ridge	W. M. Hannah	Hayes	‡J. O Wallis, ‡J. Boatner, G. W. Glenn	1	6	0	0	0	49	75	50	1
Prude's Creek	J. N. McFall	Hayes	‡B. Harris, J. M. Gilbert, W. Gilbert	8	7	2	1	2	78	1 0	45	4
Rock Creek	G. B. Vines	Toadvine	J. J. Waldrop, J. R. Reeves, ‡W. A. J McLain	20	3	0	3	1	57	1 00	55	2
Mount Ida	H. A. Key	Wilmington	‡J. T. Perry, A. P. Waldrop, ‡John Knight	0	0	0	0	0	28	1 00	60	0
Village Creek			Not Represented									
Smithville	G. H. Bean	Toadvine	‡J. Franklin, ‡A. J. Smith, ‡M. B. Roberts	0	2	0	1	0	23	75	50	0
Mud Creek	J. N. McFall	Rasburg	S. A. Parsons, D. W. Howton, J. K. P. Laird	0	8	3	1	0	62	1 00	00	1
Sardis	R. Blake	Earnest	‡J. Sattifield, ‡George Cox, J. E. Parsons	13	2	0	2	0	42	50	1 00	6
Liberty	A. White	Short Creek	A. A. Vines, ‡C L. Vines, W. P. Salter	12	4	0	1	0	75	1 00	1 65	3
Concord	A. White	Earnest	D. G. Knight, J. V. Norris, R. F. Vines	2	3	1	0	1	50	1 20	1 20	5
Pleasant Hill	A. White	Toadvine	S P. Vines, H T Vines, I J Hood	8	0	1	1	0	36	1 00	50	4
Laodocio	T.P. Vandever	Quinton	T P Vandiver, ‡W J Youngblood, ‡D Morris	6	1	2	0	0	30	75	50	2
Pilgrim's Mission	R. Blake	Conalsville	T J Jones, J Higdon	0	0	0	0	0	18	50	75	0
New Bethel	T.P. Vandever	Quinton	W J Skelton, L Hood, J A Morkham	0	6	0	0	0		1 00	00	0

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